

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Inventors: Isabelle ARNOULD-) Group Art Unit:
REGUIGNE et al.)
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Examiner:
Filed: February 12, 2002)
For: NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE HUMAN)
ABCA12 GENE, VECTORS)
CONTAINING SUCH NUCLEIC)
ACIDS AND USES THEREOF)

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before the first paragraph insert the following new paragraph

--This application claims the benefit of provisional application number

60/267,715, filed February 12, 2001, the content of which is incorporated herein by
reference.--

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REMARKS

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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